



Graham County School News



Graham County School Superintendent

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Superintendent's Message

Good news! Economically, Arizona is turning a corner, and better yet, our state was awarded \$25 million in Race to the Top Funds! We have hard work ahead of us. The recipients of this grant will be working on the goals outlined by Governor Brewer and agreed upon by our districts. This is our chance to show the rest of the nation what our schools and educational leaders are made of.

I already know that we have the kindest, most dedicated, students and staff members of any community out there. I'm aware, once again, of many acts of kindness bestowed on those who needed it the most. Our schools are often the generators of good deeds, and in turn, they are the recipients of the generosity of others. On top of mastering rigorous curriculum, participating in well-rounded sports programs, musicals and other extra-curricular activities, our students are learning to be good citizens. Let's keep that going!

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Dates to remember:

Jan. 1 New Year's Day

Jan. 13 AZ State Library Training at Ft. Thomas High and SHS

Jan. 16 Martin Luther King, Jr. Day

Jan. 17 Graham/ Greenlee Admin. Training at SUSD

Jan. 18 Graham/Greenlee Math Science Project 4:00 Gen. Services

Jan. 20-21 Graham/Greenlee Math Science Weekend at EAC

Jan. 23 G/G Superintendents meeting location TBA

Jan. 26 Spec. Ed. Transition trainings—General Services Building

Worth noting...

Our Graham County band and choir directors did an outstanding job showcasing their students in numerous concerts over the holidays. It was a pleasure watching and listening to them perform.

Follow the Copper Star Centennial Committee News by Marlene Mott

The Graham County Board of Supervisors has appointed a committee charged with the responsibility of planning and carrying out events and activities that will celebrate the 100th birthday of the state of Arizona. Statehood day was February 14, 1912, therefore we are planning several activities the week of Feb. 11-18, 2012. These and other events are in the planning stages at this time.

Planned Activities

♦ **Quilt Show January 13-14, 2012**

The show will be held in the Graham County General Services Building Assembly Room and two gorgeous Graham County/Arizona quilts will be raffled off. The quilt show will begin Friday evening, 6:00-8:00 p.m. and will open again on Saturday from 10:30 a.m.—3:30 p.m. Quilts from artisans throughout the Gila Valley will be on display as well as some heirloom quilts handed down through the generations since statehood. Patrons will be invited to vote for their favorites, and some quilts will be available for sale with a portion of the proceeds going toward updating and refurbishing the Veterans Memorial in front of the Graham County Court House. Please attend this free event!

♦ **100 Books for 100 Years!**

Several Graham County schools in grades 3-6, are working hard to read 100 books during this school year. They have until May 15th to finish the challenge, which includes reading a variety of books across all genres. Most schools already have reading programs, and this Centennial project is meant to complement those programs and should be easily adaptable. The Graham Co. Board of Supervisors have provided \$700, and the Graham County Sheriff's Office has contributed another \$500 to cover the cost of over 6,000 motivational prizes. The Graham County School Superintendent will provide commemorative certificates of achievement. **Contact Marlene Mott.**

♦ **Centennial Week February 11, 2012**

A Centennial Parade is planned for February 11th with booths and activities, weather permitting. A Variety Show will take place on February 13-14, 2012 at the Eastern Arizona Fine Arts Building.

Resources Available at the Safford City-Graham County Library by Jan Elliott, Library Director

Many teachers are encouraging your students to use the live homework help available through Tutor.com. This is an online service, providing live homework help by qualified teachers. It is available for free, for students from Kindergarten through college in Graham and Greenlee Counties. The subscription to this service has been paid for by the Safford Library, the Greenlee County Library System and the Graham County School Superintendent. For more information, call Jan Elliott at the Safford Library, or visit the website: www.saffordlibrary.org.

You can also find information on Dolly Parton's Imagination Library, which puts free books into the hands of young children.



Arizona State Library Training on Free Databases and Resources

When: January 13, 2012 Where: a.m. in Ft. Thomas, p.m. at the SHS Library	Who: Librarians, English teachers, and those who teach research	More information will be sent to each school with exact times and locations!	
			
			
			
			
			

Save the Date!

The Graham County Education Service Agency (ESA) is hosting a math/science workshop on **Friday, January 20th from 4:00 – 8:00 p.m. and Saturday, January 21st from 8:00 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at Eastern Arizona College.** It is open to any interested teachers of math and/or science. The registration fee of \$25 covers the cost of meals and handouts. Watch for emails after the holidays, explaining the registration process. Mark your Calendar! It's a great way to accumulate recertification credits while enjoying a high quality learning experience with your professional peers!

The Graham County Spelling Bee, which serves as the qualifier for the Arizona State Spelling Bee, will take place on **February 22, 2012** at 6:00 p.m. in the Graham County General Services Building

The Arizona Spelling Bee will be held on March 24, 2012 at 1:00 p.m. at Eight/Arizona PBS—KAET studio at ASU Downtown in Phoenix



EASTERN ARIZONA SCIENCE INITIATIVE

The Eastern Arizona Science Initiative (EASI) is sponsoring the

2012 Eastern Arizona Regional Science Fair Competition ***hosted by EAC Discovery Park Campus***

*Project displays will be open for viewing at the EAC Discovery Park Campus Circle "D" Ranch House on Thursday January 19th from 8:00 a.m.—5:00 p.m., Friday, January 20th from 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. and Saturday, January 21st from 3:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.
(Awards Ceremony will be Saturday January 21st at 6:00 p.m.)*

A Science Fair Competition is a great learning experience and it involves much more than science. There is a need, especially in the United States, for increased education in Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics; collectively referred to as "STEM education" in pre-college settings. Science Fairs offer an all-inclusive vehicle for not only STEM education but also for writing, research, and presentation skills, all compiled into a fun activity.

The educators and professionals involved with EASI realize the value and need of a Science Fair Competition in our area. They have organized this yearly event to assist the outstanding teachers in Eastern Arizona including Graham and Greenlee Counties who have been promoting Science Fairs at their schools. Without the opportunity for local students to place at a regional level science fair, they cannot continue on and compete at the state or national level of competition. With this regional event, the doors are open for our local students to compete and excel at these higher level Science Fair Competitions.

- All Eastern Arizona school districts and charter schools are invited to participate
- Each school will conduct their own Science Fair and the 1st and 2nd place winning entries will be invited to display their projects and compete against other school winners.
- Two levels: 5th and 6th grades, 7th and 8th grades, and an "open class" for all high school levels.
- Three categories: Earth Science / Life Science / Physical Science (selected by judges)
- 1st and 2nd place winners in each category will receive a trophy and place ribbon, 3rd place and honorable mention will receive a place ribbon, and all participants will receive participation ribbons and certificates.
- 1st place winners in each category will receive a full tuition scholarship to attend the

2011 EASI Summer Science Camp hosted by EAC Discovery Park Campus

(June 11-13 for 6th-7th grade, June 18-20 for 7th-8th grade, June 25-29 for High School)

- All projects will be judged by EAC Science Faculty and Upper Level Science Instructors
- Displays must be set up at Discovery Park Campus on Thursday January 19, 2012

For more information, please contact:

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News from the Arizona Science Center

The Intel® International Science and Engineering Fair® (Intel ISEF), the world's largest international pre-college science competition, annually provides a forum for more than 1,600 high school students from nearly 60 countries, regions, and territories to showcase their independent research.

The Intel ISEF is the premiere science competition in the world exclusively for students in grades 9–12. It has grown from the National Science Fair, which was created by Society for Science & the Public (then known as Science Service) in 1950. In 1958, the fair became international for the first time when Japan, Canada, and Germany joined the competition.

Today, millions of students worldwide compete each year in local and school-sponsored science fairs; the winners of these events go on to participate in Intel ISEF-affiliated regional and state fairs from which the best win the opportunity to attend the Intel ISEF. The Intel ISEF unites these top young scientific minds, showcasing their talent on an international stage, enabling them to submit their work to judging by doctoral level scientists—and providing the opportunity to compete for over \$4 million in prizes and scholarships.

Arizona Science Center is very excited to announce that the Intel ISEF will be held in Phoenix on May 12-17, 2013, and again in 2016 and 2019. On behalf of the Society for Science & the Public, I would like to invite you to a morning meeting at Arizona Science Center on January 27 to learn more about this exciting event, and the many opportunities for participation. Meeting details will be sent out shortly. For additional information about Intel ISEF, please visit <http://www.societyforscience.org/isef/about>.

I hope that you can join us on **January 27, 2012** to learn more! To RSVP for this informational meeting, please email Dianne at mckeed@azscience.org.

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Essay Contest Opportunities—Courtesy of the Arizona Educational Foundation

Arizona Educational Foundation “Polly Rosenbaum Writing Contest:” Entry and criteria forms are available at <http://www.azedfoundation.org/prw-entry-criteria.php>. The contest is open to 7th – 12th grade students; this year's theme is “**What Is My Energy Future?**” Entries must be typed, in no smaller than 12-point font, double-spaced, no less than 1-inch margins, and a maximum of 500 words. Entries must be accompanied by the completed, signed entry form found on the website. Deadline for submission: **Friday, January 13, 2012.**

Winners and runners up in each of the three categories (7/8 grade; 9/10 grade; 11/12 grade) will be recognized at the Arizona Centennial Statehood Day Celebration at the Capitol on February 14, 2012; the ceremony includes lunch.

Questions? Contact Bobbie O’Boyle or Melissa Kovalsky at 480-421-9376,
bobbie@azedfoundation.org, or melissa@azedfoundation.org.

The Polly Contest is sponsored by APS.



Arizona Department of Education
Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction John Huppenthal

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Arizona Awarded \$25 Million in Race to the Top Grant for Education

*Federal Grant to Advance STEM Education, Implement New Education Standards
and Improve State Data System*

Phoenix, AZ, December 23, 2011- Today, Arizona Superintendent of Public Instruction John Huppenthal and Governor Jan Brewer announced that Arizona had been awarded \$25 million in round three of the US Department of Education's Race to the Top Grants.

"I am extremely pleased and encouraged by Arizona being awarded this money to further our state's educational goals of creating highly effective classroom learning environments for our students," exclaimed Superintendent of Public Instruction John Huppenthal. "We are excited to have been provided additional funds that will benefit our schools all across the state and improve our capabilities to prepare students to become college and career ready by the time they graduate."

As outlined in the grant submitted to the U.S. Department of Education, Arizona will use the award money to build a data system with which parents, teachers and administrators can more effectively monitor student and school performance. Half of the grant funding will be devoted to use by local school districts and charter schools.

The Race to the Top funding will play an important role in the implementation of new, more stringent state education standards, as well as the training of teachers to meet these standards. In addition to setting a higher bar for student achievement, the state has established aggressive new education goals in areas like 3rd-grade literacy, high school graduation rates and baccalaureate-degree output by Arizona's institutions of higher education.

A portion of the Race to the Top dollars also will be devoted to the advancement of STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics) education, which is considered key to Arizona's future, high-skill economy.

"A top-flight education system is critical to a working economy," said Governor Jan Brewer. "This funding will play an important role as Arizona sets higher standards for its students and teachers, and strives to provide the information that parents need in order to make informed decisions about their children's education."

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More Information From the Arizona Department of Education

Newest Postings

The Arizona Department of Education's Resource Guide for the Standards and Rubrics for School Improvement is an online guide offering over 400 educational resources for Arizona's Educators and Administrators. Find research, trainings, templates, and other items to help increase your school's academic outcomes. The Resource Guide is continuously updated. Please click on the links below to access some of our newly posted resources.

New Articles and Tools

Making Afterschool Programs Better

This policy brief synthesizes the results from nearly 20 years of experience in evaluating afterschool programs.

Author: Denise Huang & Ronald Dietel

Publication Date: 2011

Publisher: National Center for Research on Evaluation, Standards, and Student Testing

<http://www.schoolsmovingup.net/cs/az/view/rs/27507?x-t=az.record.view>

Teacher Leadership: An Assessment Framework for an Emerging Area of Professional Practice

This article discusses the role of the teacher leader and offers suggestions on how to evaluation this role. **Author:** Jeremy Burrus, Katherine Bassett, Teresa Jackson, and Robert Roberts

Publication Date: 2010

Publisher: ETS <http://www.schoolsmovingup.net/cs/az/view/rs/27509?x-t=az.record.view>

Please utilize the comment box and let us know how we can better assist you:

http://www.schoolsmovingup.net/cs/az/create/az_fb

The ADE Resource Guide: www.schoolsmovingup.net/resourceguide

Arizona Department of Education and Pearson Partner to Offer New Tool Designed to Help Students Pass AIMS

Learning Locator™ Will Allow Students, Teachers and Parents to Access Instructional Materials Tied to Specific Needs of Each Student. The Arizona Department of Education (ADE) announced the availability of a new educational resource for students, teachers and parents designed to help students improve their academic achievement. In partnership with Pearson, the company that provides AIMS test scoring and reporting services to Arizona's schools, ADE is making the Perspective Learning Locator™ tool available which matches each student's individual needs to a specific set of learning materials that they can work through on their own or with the guidance of a teacher or parent. For more information, visit www.pearsonperspective.com

E-Rate Update

It is once again E-Rate season. The Form 471 application filing window for Funding year 2012 will **open at noon on Monday January 9, 2012 and will close at 11:59 p.m. EDT on Tuesday March 20, 2012.** The filing window will be open for 72 days. Be sure to review the [FY2012 Eligible Services List](#) for details on products and services that are eligible for E-Rate discounts in FY2012, and continue to check the [USAC website](#) for additional details. Check the E-Rate area on the AZ Dept. of Education website, <http://www.azed.gov/educational-technology/e-rate/>, for two on-demand eLearning modules: [A Beginner's Guide to E-Rate](#) and [E-Rate Funding Year 2012 Updates](#). Dates for upcoming Q and A webinars will be posted to the website soon.

Technology Plans will need to be revised due to the elimination of the EETT grant. Please visit ADE's Technology Plan page: <http://www.azed.gov/educational-technology/technology-plans/>

Looking Ahead to the New Year—Professional Development courses in your future?

IDEAL's Online Course options give you a world of choice.

Take a look at these course offerings for IDEAL's Winter 2012 session specially tailored for Arizona educators!

- ☐ Learning Math: Data, Statistics and Probability (K-8)
- ☐ Learning Math: Measurement (K-8)
- ☐ Inside Writing Communities (3-5)
- ☐ Essential Science for Teachers: Life Science
- ☐ Social Studies in Action
- ☐ Effective Classroom Management and Motivation (4-8)
- ☐ Elements of Effective Literacy Instruction (Grades K-8)
- ☐ Literature Circles (2-8)
- ☐ Developing Phonemic Awareness in Young Children
- ☐ Targeting: Cyberbullies - Developing New Solutions for Changing Scenarios
- ☐ Parent Involvement 101: An Introductory Course for Facilitating Family, School, and Community Partnerships
- ☐ 45hr Full Structured English Immersion Completion course
- ☐ Intel® Teach Elements: Collaboration in the Digital Classroom
- ☐ Intel® Teach Elements: Assessment in the 21st Century Classrooms
- ☐ Intel® Teach Elements: Project-Based Approaches
- ☐ Intel® Teach Elements: Thinking Critically with Data
- ☐ Intel® Teach Elements: Educational Leadership in the 21st Century

Registration opened November 30, 2011 for courses starting January 18, 2012. Four, six and eight week course options available.

Consult the Course Catalog under the Professional

Development link in IDEAL for more information.

www.ideal.azed.gov



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New Science Teacher Night at the Arizona Science Center

600 E. Washington St. Phoenix, AZ 85004

Saturday, January 28, 2012 5:30 - 8:00 p.m.

- Keynote Speaker Sharon Hall, ASU, on Urban Ecology
- New Science Teacher Mixer and Refreshments
- FREE Educator Memberships to Arizona Science Center
- Teacher Support Fair • Door Prizes * Discounted Parking

REGISTRATION: www.azsta.org

(This FREE event is limited to 1st and 2nd Year Science Teachers.) REGISTER TODAY!

Sponsored by Arizona State University STARR Noyce Scholarship Program, Arizona Science Center, and Arizona Science Teachers Association. The mission of Arizona Science Center is to inspire, educate and entertain people of all ages about science. The Center, located at 600 E. Washington St. in downtown Phoenix, features more than 300 hands-on exhibits, live demonstrations, the state-of-the-art Dorrance planetarium, and a five-story IMAX theater. For more information please call 602-716-2000 or visit www.azscience.org.

UA Fund Sends Students on Science Field Trips

By Jeff Harrison, University Communications, December 12, 2011

The fund matches area teachers with donors using a provision of the state income tax that allows funding for extracurricular activities.

A program at the University of Arizona that matches donors with local schools has treated thousands of students to science-related field trips in southern Arizona – and more trips are on the way. Last year, the UA's **Field Trip Fund** raised more than \$12,000, enough to send some 1,500 students on visits to Biosphere 2, the Flandrau Science Center, the Steward Observatory Mirror Lab, Tumamoc Hill and other campus sites. The UA **College of Science** and its partners have created several new and enhanced outreach programs for K-12 classes, including helping fund science-related field trips both on and off campus.

The UA **College of Science** and its partners have created several new and enhanced outreach programs for K-12 classes, including helping fund science-related field trips both on and off campus. Besides UA science venues, the Field Trip Fund plans to send youngsters to the Mineral Museum, as well as to off-campus destinations such as the Sweetwater Wetlands, Arizona-Sonora Desert Museum, Saguaro National Park and Kartchner Caverns State Park.

Teachers can apply for support by filling in an **online form** at www.scienceconnections.arizona.edu/fieldtripfund/teacher2011

A list of all the field trip opportunities that are available at the UA is online at the **Field Trip** page of the **Science Connections** catalog, including detailed information on schedules and costs. Click on a field trip in the menu box to get details on a particular program.

More information on how the tax credit works is on the **Frequently Asked Questions** page.

Contact Gary Woodard at gwoodard@email.arizona.edu for other questions and assistance.



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For more information, or to schedule a free educator presentation or workshop, please contact Mark Becker, ASSET-Educational Outreach at mark.becker@asu.edu or 602-496-1696.

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Start planning your 2012 Professional Development.

Professional Development Dates for Spring 2012

Center for Middle Eastern Studies (CMES) w/ Center for Latin American Studies (CLAS) -

Crossing Borders: Refugees and Asylum-Seekers from Latin America and the Middle East

Saturday, January 21 10 - 3, Tucson

<http://cmes.arizona.edu/> - Registration form is not up yet

Arizona Historical Society & Arizona Game and Fish

Making Connection: Science and Social Studies

Saturday, January 28 9 - 3, Tempe

Arizona Historical Society Museum at Papago Park

Contact mgately@azhs.gov to 480.929.0292 x 137

Arizona Council on Economic Education ASET - Making Cents of the Centennial

Saturday, February 4, Mesa Community College, Mesa www.azecon.org

Arizona History Museum - Japanese Heritage: 100 Years Since Statehood Saturday, January 14, Tucson

Contact maruelas@azhs.gov or 520.617.1154 to register

Arizona Game and Fish Department -

Felines of the Borderlands

April 13- 15, San Bernardino National Wildlife Refuge - Douglas

Contact eproctor@azgfd.gov to register



EASTERN ARIZONA SCIENCE INITIATIVE
E.A.S.I.

Wednesday January 11, 2012

4:00 p.m.—5:00 p.m. EAC Discovery Park
Ranch House (Call 428-6260 for more info.)

*For this first meeting of the year, we'll start out the year with a treat, **Dr. Phil McBride**; EAC Dean of Instruction, and Chemistry instructor, will share with us a short activity on **"Nuclear Science!"** that you can take back into your*

classroom and share with your students to start the year off with a...



Where else can you get great lesson ideas and plans like this for FREE!?!

*This will be a fun hand's-on activity where we will explore natural radioactivity and discuss how nuclear science is applied in the world today. **Don't miss it!!***

We'll also talk about the 2012 Regional Science Fair Competition that will be January 19th – 21st, and share some early ideas for the 2012 EASI Summer Science Camp. Plus, there are a lot of free workshops and events through the Arizona Science Teachers Association and cooperating groups. Don't miss out on great opportunities to be the best science teachers possible!

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Sponsor: National Institutes for Health

Name: Funding for Courses or Workshops on Areas of Study

Amount: \$200,000

Deadline: 1/7/2012

<http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/pa-files/PA-11-351.html> (Dept. of Health and Human Services)

Sponsor: U.S. Department of Agriculture

Name: Classroom Challenge Grants

Amount: \$300,000 **Deadline: 1/20/2012**

Description: The Secondary Education, Two-Year Postsecondary Education, and Agriculture in the K-12 Classroom Challenge Grants (SPECAs) program seeks to promote and strengthen secondary education in agriscience and agribusiness, etc.

Email: spec@nifa.usda.gov or www.nifa.usda.gov/fo/educationchallengessecondaryhep.html

Microsoft: DigiGirly High Tech Camp

Microsoft DigiGirly High Tech Camp for girls works to dispel stereotypes of the high-tech industry. During the camp session, girls listen to executive speakers, participate in technology tours and demonstrations, network, and learn through hands-on experience in workshops. Maximum award: free attendance to camp. Eligibility: girls grades 9-11 in the 2010-2011 school year and at least age 13 at time of application, with the exception of the Fargo, ND and Las Colinas, TX locations, where eligibility is restricted to grades 7-10 and 8-11, respectively. **Deadline: varies by location**

Best Buy: Teach@15 Award

The Teach@15 Award program improves classroom learning by helping schools (grades 7-12) meet technology needs. A teen member (age 13-18) who is a registered member on www.at15.com can nominate his/her school to win a Teach@15 Award. Maximum Award: \$1,500 in the form of Best Buy Gift Cards. Eligibility: accredited, nonprofit junior or senior public, private, parochial, magnet, and charter high schools in the U.S. serving any grades 7-12. **Deadline: ongoing**

Ben & Jerry's Foundation: National Grassroots Grant Program

Through the National Grassroots Grant Program, Ben & Jerry's Foundation grant program aims to further social justice, protect the environment and support sustainable food systems. Grants of up to \$15,000 are provided to grassroots, constituent-led organizations that are using community organizing strategies to accomplish their goals as well as organizations that provide technical support and/or resources to such groups. **Deadline: Rolling**

Earthwatch: Education Fellowships

The Earthwatch Institute offers educators fully funded fellowships for hands-on learning with leading scientists doing field research and conservation on one of 130 projects. Earthwatch's Education Fellowships are national in scope, and supported by a wide range of businesses, foundations, and individuals. Maximum award: full cost of expedition, including all research costs, meals, housing, on-site travel, etc. Eligibility: K-12 classroom educators of any subject(s) from public or private schools nationwide.

Deadline: Applications accepted on a rolling basis throughout the spring.

Brown Rudnick Charitable Foundation: Grants to Help Inner-City Educators

The Brown Rudnick Charitable Foundation Corporation's Limited GEO: Grants to Help Inner-City Educators fund specific, one-time future education-related needs or ideas that promise to improve inner city education within one year of the grant award in one of the cities eligible for foundation grants. Maximum award: \$2,000. Eligibility: small, concrete projects that will improve inner-city education in Boston, Hartford, Providence, New York or Washington, D.C. within the coming year.

Deadline: None

Grant Information continued

Campbell's: Labels for Education

The Campbell's, Inc. Labels for Education Program gives schools free educational equipment in exchange for labels from Campbell products. Maximum award: varies. Eligibility: Schools or parents coordinate label drives to raise resources for schools.

Deadline: None

VSP: Sight for Students

Sight for Students is a VSP charity that provides free vision exams and glasses to low-income, uninsured children. The program operates nationally through a network of community partners who identify children in need and VSP network doctors who provide the eyecare services. Parents and guardians interested in seeking assistance through the Sight for Students program must work through VSP's established network of community partners. VSP does not issue gift certificates directly to the public. Eligibility: There are five basic qualifications a child must meet in order to receive a Sight for Students gift certificate: family income is no more than 200 percent of federal poverty level (see website for chart); child is not enrolled in Medicaid or other vision insurance; child is 18 years old or younger and has not graduated from high school; child or parent is a U.S. citizen or legal immigrant with a social security number; and child has not used the Sight for Students program during the past 12 months.

Deadline: N/A

Sodexo Youth Grants

100 Sodexo Youth grants of \$500 will be awarded to support youth-led service projects in the United States that address the issue of childhood hunger on Global Youth Service Day (April 20-22, 2012).

Deadline: January 17, 2012

www.ysa.org/grants/sodexoyouth

YSA List: The 25 Most Powerful and Influential Young People

Youth Service America (YSA) is launching the inaugural YSA List of "The 25 Most Powerful and Influential Young People" in celebration of their 25th Anniversary. The winners will receive \$1,000 awards to support their ongoing efforts to change the world.

Deadline: January 31, 2012

www.ysa.org/25/list

State Farm Good Neighbor Scholarship Program

High school seniors may apply for this scholarship. **Deadline: January 25, 2012**

Visit <http://bit.ly/umJYNZ>

Scholastic Book Grants

The Scholastic Book Grants Program is a corporate in-kind giving initiative that provides high-quality reading materials to children in need. To download the application, visit: <http://bit.ly/uktlhz>

Deadline: Ongoing

GrantWrangler—a free grants listing service that helps teachers find classroom grants for school funding. www.grantwrangler.com

Freeport McMoRan Copper and Gold, Inc.

STEM Innovation Grants

Apply by March 1, 2012

www.fcx.com Click on: Sustainable Development, Community Programs and Applications

Save the Date! Project Archaeology Workshop

Investigating a Slave Cabin: Using Archaeology to Teach Historical Inquiry will be offered on Friday, February 24th from 4:00 – 7:30 p.m. and Saturday, February 25th from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. at the BLM building in Safford. This workshop is appropriate for any teacher of Social Studies, as it teaches investigative skills that can be transferred to the study of any culture. The Slave Cabin investigation is particularly aligned to Social Studies Standards for grades 5 and 7. Project Archaeology also has Investigations for Native American cultures. Please plan to join Dan McGrew and Paulette LeBlanc for this enjoyable learning experience. Watch your email for registration information.

Science Lessons for 6th Graders Available from the University of Arizona Cooperative Extension Service

Contact Cindy Pearson

928-428-2611 or cpearson@cals.arizona.edu

Lessons include:

- #1 Germ City
- #2 Water Cycle & Groundwater Basics 101
- #3 Sum of the Parts
- #4 Water Monitoring Test Kits



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Crossing Borders: Refugees and Asylum-Seekers from Latin America and the Middle East

Saturday, January 21 10 - 3, Tucson <http://cmes.arizona.edu/>

Arizona Historical Society & Arizona Game and Fish

Making Connection: Science and Social Studies **Saturday, January 28** 9 - 3, Tempe

Arizona Historical Society Museum at Papago Park

Contact mgately@azhs.gov to 480.929.0292 x 137

Arizona Council on Economic Education ASET - Making Cents of the Centennial

Saturday, February 4, Mesa Community College, Mesa www.azecon.org

Arizona History Museum - Japanese Heritage: 100 Years Since Statehood

Saturday, January 14, Tucson Contact maruelas@azhs.gov or 520.617.1154 to register

Arizona Game and Fish Department - Felines of the Borderlands

April 13- 15, San Bernardino National Wildlife Refuge - Douglas

Contact eproctor@azgfd.gov to register

For the complete 2012 listing, visit <http://geoalliance.asu.edu/azga/>

1. Japan-U.S. Teacher Exchange Program

The Japan-U.S. Teacher Exchange Program for Education for Sustainable Development (ESD) will provide up to 24 U.S. K-12 teachers and administrators with the opportunity to travel to a conference in San Francisco and to Japan to learn about ESD efforts and strengthen ESD curricula in both countries. The program is fully-funded with the exception of some meals. ESD is "a vision of education that seeks to balance human and economic well-being with cultural traditions and respect for the earth's natural resources," according to the United Nations Educational, Scientific, and Cultural Organization (UNESCO).

Up to 24 educators from Japan will travel to the U.S. in late April, and up to 24 educators from the U.S. will travel to Japan in June. At the end of the program in each country, all 48 educators will gather for a few days of joint collaboration.

Visit the website at <http://www.iie.org/esdteacher> for more information or to start an application.

The deadline is Tuesday, January 31, 2012.

2. Fishman Prize Opportunity

<http://tntp.org/key-issues/view/fishman-prize>

The Fishman Prize for Superlative Classroom Practice is awarded annually to a select group of public school teachers who demonstrate exceptionally effective teaching with students from high-poverty communities. No more than five teachers are awarded the prize each year. Each winner is recognized with a \$25,000 award and the opportunity to collaborate with other winners during an at-home summer residency that culminates in the publication of a short paper on the practice of effective teaching. The paper allows Fishman Prize winners to share their expertise with educators across the country without taking time away from their classrooms. **Deadline for submissions is February 3, 2012**

3. Planet Connect

<http://planetconnect.org/>

http://planetconnect.org/funding_opportunities

Going green can earn you green. Browse opportunities to earn some green (money, that is!) through competitions, prizes, scholarships and grants. Opportunities for schools, students, teachers and community organizations.

4. Global exploration for educators organization (geeo)

<http://www.geeo.org/>

Global Exploration for Educators Organization (GEEO) is a non-profit organization that runs summer professional development travel programs designed for teachers.

GEEO is offering 16 different travel programs for the summer of 2012: India/Nepal, Vietnam, Thailand/Laos/Cambodia, China, Russia/Mongolia/China, Egypt, Turkey 8 day, Turkey 15 day, South Africa/Mozambique/Zimbabwe/Botswana, Morocco, Argentina/Uruguay/Brazil, Peru, Ecuador, The Galapagos Islands and Costa Rica. Space is limited!

Educators have the option to earn graduate school credit (3 credits through Indiana University) and professional development credit while seeing the world. The trips are 8 to 23 days in length and are designed and discounted to be interesting and affordable for teachers. GEEO provides teachers educational materials and the structure to help them bring their experiences into the classroom. The trips are open to all nationalities of K-12 and university educators and administrators, as well as retired educators. Educators are also permitted to bring along a non-educator guest.

5. The Bureau of Land Management

<http://www.grants.gov/search/announce.do?sessionId=gdpYT2cX89QSxKPTf1bNSp4cfcD9qrQjQNnCV2X6813Jqz1GY6yl-1373114776>

has announced a funding opportunity for its program to "provide youth ages 16-25 with a meaningful work experience on public lands that is safe and educational and assists in developing conservation and stewardship ethics." Grants seem to range from \$10,000 to \$15,000.

Eligible applicants are qualified youth or conservation corps. **Applications are due January 15.**

3rd Annual First Amendment Cartoon Contest

The contest is open to high school, middle school, and elementary school students nationwide.

Celebrate Bill of Rights Day with the 3rd Annual First Amendment Cartoon Contest

http://www.courtsed.org/cartoon_contest.htm The theme of this year's contest is Free Expression through the "rights of the people peaceably to assemble, and to petition the Government for a redress of grievances." These rights are particularly significant in this an era of protest both in the United States and around the world. Encourage students to exercise their creativity by entering the First Amendment Cartoon Contest.

Six winners will each receive a \$50 prize*. In addition, up to five entries will receive honorable mentions. Winners and honorable mentions will be announced on Law Day, May 1, 2012, and posted at www.courtsed.org. **Deadline for submissions is March 16, 2012.** For contest rules and entry form: www.courtsed.org.